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SUBJECT: BRAZIL: BRAZILIAN RESPONSE TO DISCOURAGING
VENEZUELA-NORTH KOREA TIES

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Classified By: POLITICAL COUNSELOR DENNIS HEARNE. REASONS: 1.4 (B)(D).

(C) Poloff delivered reftel,s talking points to Fabio Franco of the Foreign Ministry Division for Meridian American Affairs (DAM). Franco concurred that the situation was worrisome and that Brazil, with President Lula,s personal connection to President Hugo Chavez, might be able to discourage increased Venezuela - DPRK ties. Franco stated that his office would pass the request up to Minister Amorim,s office, alongside A/S Shannon,s request to the Brazilian Embassy in Washington, with a recommendation that the Minister persuade Lula to raise the topic with Chavez when the Venezuelan President visits Brazil on July 20, 2006.